

good citizenship committeeman. He perhaps never thought how he advertised himself by such an action. Society workers, what will the world think if your society sells taffy, ice cream or cake in order to get money for the Lord's cause? I firmly believe that such dainties and festivities and methods should not be used for the Lord's cause. The late hours of such socials, the baneful effects physically, and the giving-in for appetite's sake, is sufficient cause against such socials for religious purposes.

You say your society needs money. It is not the only concern that needs money. Other corporations of less sacredness need money too, but they never stop to give an ice cream and cake social. There are better ways to raise money than that. We all have this one thing in common, "Our great need is our great difficulty." The following plans are suggested for raising your society's money:

1. Take collections at each devotional meeting.
2. Take silver offerings at your social gatherings. Arrange to have a happy, sociable gathering free to all, at some home and just before dismissing take the silver offering. This plan is very successful and agreeable. One society got \$1.05 first evening, \$.65 second evening, and \$2.60 the third evening.
3. Adopt a five-cent-a-week plan, in which all members that will do so, pledge themselves to five cents a week for ten weeks. Have the treasurer to collect in a business style. I know this plan also to have worked successfully.
4. Free-will donations ought to bring in several dollars annually.
5. See outsiders for contributions.
6. Literary entertainments and musical concerts are profitable and elevating, and consistent generally. They are often a success when properly managed. Do not forget systematic giving.

Christian giving in the right spirit, cheerfully, proportionately and systematically, will work a wonderful change, and your society will not need to worry about money so much. The Y. M. C. A. has an excellent business principle in its constitution of never allowing any of its societies to go in debt; they must always provide for the expense beforehand in some way. That organization is quite wealthy to-day, out of debt, and is doing a grand noble work for the Master. Let us get our money on hand before we need it and a new vigor will enter our society work. Prayer alone will not help very much in getting money. Hesoid exhorted the farmer to pray but to do so with his hand on the plow.

Lastly, exalt Christ more. He is the

giver of every good and perfect gift. Let our lives show forth his wonderful love and our giving to God will not be pennies and nickels, but quarters and dollars.

I believe that the Lord showed his displeasure in some degree in the awful accident in Paris the other month. There was a large temporary building prepared by a Catholic association, for the purpose of holding a church fair therein to raise money for church purposes and charity. The Lord permitted that building to burn down with all the valuables therein for sale and over 200 people also perished. God is not always pleased with our means tho the end sought is for charity.

Money saved is money earned. Can not your society put that maxim into practice? Instead of paying car fare quite a number of delegates came to this convention on their wheels; they will have more money for the contribution basket, Sunday, a matter of saving on business principles. A Sunday-school class in New York started 5 cents a rolling by investing it then selling, investing and selling and so on. At the end of the first week the 5 cents had grown to 13 cents; at the end of the second week to 31 cents; in four weeks to \$1.15; and in two years, the treasurer's report was a little over \$3,000 on hand. Push, determination, prayer and careful planning did it.

But, my time is up and in closing wish to say that while we are trying to be lady-like, gentleman-like and striving to be more Christ-like, let us be more business-like in our efforts for Him.

I suggest a literary program in connection with business meetings.

Treasurer Shaw said at the State Convention, "Quit your talking, for the way to do a thing is to do it." Good advice. How many will heed it?

Let some members, tho few, get together, plan to work and work, even tho others do not, and work so hard that the other members will become ashamed.

It becomes very evident that to be successful in our business meetings we must be organized, determined and have a love for the church for which we are working, that we make our efforts business-like and some Parliamentary Rules of Order ought to be followed out. So my dear friends, it only remains that we live up to the light that we already have.

To have the lookout committee do better work, let there be a little honest competition for members. To that end divide this committee into two bands, and set them to work for victory and glory. I know the plan to have worked well.

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God fills the open hand.

## The Mission Field.

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### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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The subject of foreign missions has been discussed and agitated in the Brethren church for several years. But our discussions thus far have failed to bring out the wherewith, or in plain words, the means by which we can send and support our missionaries. During the summer season we have been engaged in studying and teaching in our Sunday-school, some of the strongest and best missionary lessons that are recorded in the entire Bible. As superintendent of our school, I have felt it my duty and privilege to impress the great need of our helping to send the gospel to those who have never heard it. I pressed the question so far in our school as to take a vote to decide if the school was willing to fix a day when we would prepare to take up a public collection for foreign missions. The result was strong in favor of a collection, and I doubt not wherever the gospel lessons have been faithfully taught in all our S. S. this summer, calling a vote on this question would bring out the same answer. Can we teach St. Paul's missionary work in foreign lands to our children, and give them no opportunity to cast a mite into the Lord's treasury for that noble work. It has well been said by some of our Christian writers that the Sunday-school that fails in missionary work, must fail in accomplishing the highest ends for which it has its existence. Many of our people have never had the opportunity of contributing anything to foreign missions, while we have in the past confined our mission work altogether to home missions by paying home missionaries or evangelists, set apart for that special work. Could we not greatly increase our efforts for good by using at least some of the means thus contributed for foreign missions? And let every congregation having a regular pastor, give that pastor at least one month in a year to do home mission work. This sacrifice I believe could be